

"No. And the majority in Congress have been doing the best in the world for us. Before this session is over

he was attacked with a very severe coughing spell followed by strong convulsions which did not cease until his death. The case is considered a most singular one but his father refused yesterday to allow the physicians to make an examination of the remains.

THE HOUSE HEAPING UP NEW BILLS.
THE MANUFACTURE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

the best in the world for us. Before this election the excessively Bourbon element of the South is going to manifest itself and make things particularly unpleasant for the Democratic party. We could carry the election anyhow, but they will make it sure."

THE FIRE RECORD.
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THE FATAL CANNON STREET FIRE.
ITS ORIGIN DECLARED BY A CORONER'S JURY TO BE

GOING ON INDUSTRIOUSLY—GOSSIP ABOUT PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

Congress met again yesterday and spent a quiet day in routine work. In the House

UNKNOWN.

The jury summoned by Coroner Weltman to pass judgment upon the destruction of the Butzke family by the fire at No. 80 Cannon-st., on November 14, listened to the concluding testimony at the Coroner's office yesterday. Isaac Fisher, the Captain of Engine Company No. 11, said he was satisfied that the fire originated in the rear room of the second floor, occupied by Solomon Cohen and his wife. In his opinion the fire was probably caused by the breaking or exploding of a kerosene lamp which the Cohens had left burning in their room. Chief Miller, of the Fourth Battalion, and Fire Marshal Sheldon expressed similar opinions. Charles K. Hyde, chief of the Fire Escape Department in the Department of Buildings, testified that the building at No. 80 Cannon-st. was provided with a settle and a fire-escape. The fire-escape was put up on March 29, 1878. The building was erected sometime previous to 1850.

Solomon Cohen, in whose room the fire is believed to have started, said that he was away from home at the time of the fire. He was employed at No. 205 Broome-st. He told his wife at dinner time that he would be busy in Broome-st. all night. She brought him his supper at 7 p. m., and then went to the kitchen. He said he did not know where she was detained by the sickness of a child. He had an insurance of \$800 on his furniture. Mr.

John signed his name to his undivided interest in the property. His wife corroborated his statements. A report made to Superintendent Dailey by two Inspectors of the Department of Buildings was read to the jury.

The jury declared the origin of the fire to be unknown, and also recommended that "the Building Department place notices in different languages in the streets and corners of the city, showing the location of the fire-escape - and means of exit in case of fire."

A HARVARD BUILDING DAMAGED.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—This forenoon a fire was discovered in one of the Harvard College buildings, known as Stoughton Hall. The roof of the building was burnt off, and the rooms on the fourth floor were considerably scorched. The origin of the fire was a defective flue. The amount of damage will probably be quite heavy, as the building was flooded with water.

THE APPEAL IN THE TALMAGE CASE.

SEITLING PRELIMINARY MATTERS BEFORE THE SYNOD GETS FAIRLY AT WORK.

The Long Island Synod reconvened last evening at Jamaica, L. I., to consider the case of the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage. Mr. Talmage appeared with his legal advisers, but Sir Sparrow did not attend, and many of the members of the Synod were absent.

Judge J. J. Armstrong submitted a resolution for the dismissal of the complaint against the decision of the Presbytery, inasmuch as the reopening of the case would tend to create discord in the church. The chairman declared that Judge Armstrong was not in order inasmuch that he had not been properly taken. The Rev. Mr. De Witt Talmage appeared from this decision, claiming that the trial was when the evidence was sent to the members of the Synod. A long rambling discussion followed, in which many took part, as to whether the trial had really begun. The appeal from the decision was lost by a vote of 14 to 15.

The two out of the seven votes in the complaint which the synod is to consider were then read. The first of these relates to the affidavit of General Howard

which, it is claimed, was put in evidence contrary to the laws in the Book of Discipline, and in point where the prosecution was unable to refute its allegations, and the second charges in general terms that the seceders of the Presbytery were in no accordance with evidence.

Judge Armstrong then raised the point that inasmuch as the reasons given by the Presbytery for the removal of the members were affirmed with the testimony, that omission vitiated the reference in the sixth charge to the fact that the Synod had been informed of the same, which was to the effect that the grounds on which ouster of the majority based their decisions, were irrelevant, and that the fact that the Synod was informed of the same, was of no consequence. Judge Armstrong then said that the Synod was trying to prejudge the case; the members wanted to hear before hearing. He hoped that the contractor and standing in the way of the trial of the case would be sufficient proof that they would not come before the Synod if they were unable to show the irrelevance and illogicality of the charges.

It was then moved that in accordance with the Book of Discipline no official parties to the case be heard, and that the case be referred to the Synod. The motion was carried. The case was referred to the Judicial Committee which will report this morning.

The Synod then adjourned until 8:30 a. m., to-day.

REVIVING MEMORIES OF THE PILGRIMS.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE NEW-ENGLAND SOCIETY.

The seventy-fourth annual meeting of the New-England Society was called to order last evening at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, by D. F. Johnson, the retiring president, who, in his address, unusually had the honor of presiding and that the affairs of the society were never in better condition and that the number of members had never before been so large. During the year twenty-two new annual members and twenty-two life members had been received; twenty members had died; the whole number now was 1,234. At the last annual meeting it was decided to erect in the city a monument to the Pilgrims, and the subject was immediately taken up and passed in the hands of a committee, and it is expected to push it to an early completion.

The society's receipts for the year were \$5,917 68 and

the expenditures \$3,316 17. Dr. William H. Maxwell reported verbally for the Charity Committee that the disbursements for the year were \$1,800, and that 200 persons had been assisted.

Two tickets were in the field for officers of the society but their difference was not decided.

John C. Carter was elected. The officers are as follows: President, James C. Carter; first vice-president, Josiah M. Fiske; second vice-president, Benjamin C. Paine; directors for four years, Charles H. Isham, Cyrus N. Bliss, Horace Russell, Julius Catlin, Jr.; treasurer, George W. Fiske; clerk, John C. Carter.

Thirteen new members were elected:—Dr. Edward Hall, the Rev. Dr. C. S. Robinson, H. W. Fiske, George W. Fiske, Jr., John C. Carter, Dr. J. W. Townsend, C. H. Griffin, W. S. P. Prentiss, O. H. Palmer, the Rev. E. J. Hayne, W. A. Forbes and F. A. Fiske.

At the annual meeting of the society, held on December 23, George William Curtis will respond to the laudatory toast, "The Day we Celebrate," and the Rev. Dr. C. S. Robinson will read the address of the Rev. Porter and others will speak. The Governors of New-Hampshire, Connecticut and Vermont are expected to be present.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.—BY TELEGRAPH.

AN OVERDUE SCHOONER.

GLIOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 15.—A schooner having yet been missing from Gloucester, the schooner of C. Slattery, and it is feared that he is lost.

POISONED TO DEATH.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Rec. Union to *The Evening Press* says that two of William Owsen's children, a boy and a girl, died of poisoning.

COUNTERTYPER STILL DEAD.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—A Nicholasville (Ky.) dispatch states that Colonel Cook, a notorious countertyper, was shot dead by a posse.

PURLOINED BY A PIRATE.

HALFAX, N. S., Dec. 15.—Captain Smith, of the schooner *Albatross*, of the second class, was taken for fifty miles by a piratical vessel, wale in the West Indies.

TWO MEN DROWED.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—A priest named Doyle and a young man named Moanahan, a clerk, were drowned while crossing the river near Atlanta last night.

MAHONEY ITY, PENN., Dec. 15.—Yesterday, during an altercation, Daniel O'Connell struck John Hackett, who hit him over the head, breaking his skull. O'Connell is in jail.

WITKATY.—SENTENCED.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Jonathan Whitaker has been sentenced to lifelong imprisonment for the murder of

A SKATING ACCIDENT.
PENITENTIASTON, Ont., Dec. 15.—To-day, while a number of people were skating on the bay, a young man named Joseph Oudron and a young lady, Amelia Crotter, fell through a hole in the ice and were thrown into the water. They were rescued by a party of skaters and taken to the hospital.

RE-ARRANGED.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—P. V. T. Smith, who on his way to Napa Asylum, jumped from the steamer's observation platform, and fell into the water, was rescued and returned to his home in the south as being well. He is now being sent to a good family in New York.

PAIRM ROBBERIES ARRESTED.
RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 15.—Several colored men have been arrested and committed to the county jail for robbing farmers in the vicinity. The colored man turned informant, and thus led to the arrest of the others.

WASHED SHORES.
SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., Dec. 15.—The body of a sailor was washed ashore at Seaside Park this morning. The officers "S. T. B." and "S. T. C." were called out to the arm. After some time, the sailor's shore at Island Heights.

lated with the rank and pay of commissary sergeants, and that these teachers be required to do the duty of post librarians and have the care and preservation of the property and literature sent to the posts. The greatest difficulty in army education is in procuring sufficient number of enlisted men of required intelligence to teach for the rate of pay now allowed, which is the pay of a private soldier, with a per diem extra of 35 cents when teaching.

It is a rather curious fact that at the Western posts where books are maintained there are a large number of children in attendance, there being often no more commodious outposts of those supplied by the army. The recapitulation of General McCook's report for October shows the following attendance: Enlisted men, 108; children of enlisted men, 737; children of officers, 108; children of civilians, 207; total children, 1,172.